

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheet 18 of drawings includes the addition of Figure 31. This sheet, which includes Figs. 30 and 31, replaces the original sheet 18 including Fig. 30.

**Attachment:      Replacement Sheet**

**REMARKS**

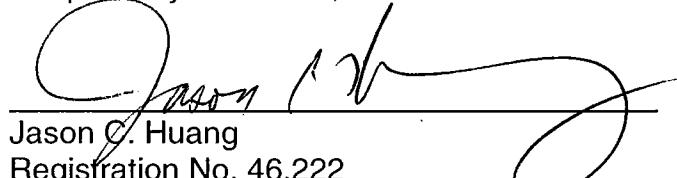
This is intended as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 14, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 14, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In amended sheet 18 of the Figures, Figure 31 was added in a preliminary amendment filed on December 21, 2005. The amended sheet 18 is attached with the proper identifier "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin. Applicant believes that added Figure 31 does not constitute new matter. The Applicant believes that the explanation of Figure 31 provided in the description is such that the actual form of the figure would be clearly understood from the description alone.

Claims 1-15 and 17-32 remain pending in the application and are shown above. The original claim set did not include a claim 16. Applicant has inserted claim 16 as cancelled. The claims are now presented in ascending numerical order.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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